



Congressman Dan Lungren, Representing California's Capital Region - 3rd District

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Just a reminder that my next
Town Hall Meeting
is coming up!

Monday, June 4
7:00pm-8:30pm

Rancho Cordova City Hall
American River Room
2729 Prospect Park Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on
issues affecting our 3rd Congressional
District.

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Homeland Security Survey

**Which mode of
transportation do you
think is most vulnerable
to terrorist threats?**

- ☐ Truck / highway travel
- ☐ Rail
- ☐ Air
- ☐ Ship (ports)
- ☐ Other

**If you selected "other",
please let us know
what you think.**

**Just as Congress is
working to improve rail
security with the Rail
and Transportation Act
of 2007, do you believe
that any of the
following could benefit
from changed or
improved security?**

- ☐ Highways and bridges
- ☐ Air travel
- ☐ Nuclear power plants
- ☐ Other

**If "other", please let us
know what you think.**

**Should rail
transportation of toxic**

Dear Friend,

This week, Congress considered the Rail and Public Transportation Security Act of 2007, a bill I have cosponsored.

My colleagues and I have worked on this bill for some time. We started in the last Congress, holding hearings in an effort to obtain information from both the public and private sectors as to the need for additional rail security. We have worked on other sectors of our economy with respect to security against terrorist threats. We did very good work in the area of port security, culminating in the SAFE Port Act, a bill which I introduced with Representative Jane Harman (D-CA) and which was signed into law last year. We also did good work in the area of chemical facility security and we will continue to do so in the transportation sector.

As we look at the rail and mass transit systems, we find it necessary to have input and cooperation at the federal, state, and local levels of government. Furthermore, we must work with the private sector in dealing with potential dangers that threaten all of us. At the same time, there are a couple of concerns relating to the bill. To that end, I presented an amendment to the Rules Committee to improve this legislation with respect to whistleblowers. We are dealing with complicated systems that require multiple entities, working with the Federal government, to determine and implement the most effective security measures. As a result of this collaboration, there will be sensitive information made available to people working within these entities that we may not want shared in a public venue in the interest of national security. We do not want to inadvertently give any opportunity to those who would wish to do us harm.

Moreover, there is also the concern that information that could potentially jeopardize our national security could be disseminated under the Freedom of Information Act. Prior to 9/11 we had all sorts of information about nuclear power facilities readily available, such that someone could search the Internet and discover our vulnerabilities with relatively little effort. We realized after 9/11 that in an attempt to get everything out to the public, we had probably damaged ourselves in terms of our vulnerability.

In order to prevent this type of exposure in the future, I supported an amendment to the Act that would exempt certain security-sensitive information from the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. We did this on a bipartisan basis a couple of Congresses ago in the Maritime Security Bill. One of the things we learned following 9/11 is that we must consider the entirety of the threats out there, as well as the entirety of the universe of possible responses. Unfortunately, this amendment was not adopted. Nevertheless, it may be possible to take care of the problem on the Senate side or in a House and Senate conference.

As member of the House Committee on Homeland Security for the past three years, my colleagues and I have worked hard on a bipartisan basis to respond in an appropriate way to this universe of potential threats.

We are all in this together.

The Rail and Public Transportation Act of 2007 will be an integral component of our national security strategy, making the rails safer for all Americans. I am pleased to report that the Act passed the House by a margin of 299 to 124.

Sincerely,

chemicals be required to avoid urban areas?

- ☐ Yes, because of the threat to centers of commerce and seats of government.
- ☐ No, because such a requirement would result in greater exposure of suburban areas.
- ☐ Yes, because of the population density in urban areas.
- ☐ No, because such a requirement could lead to a higher reliance on transportation by trucks on our roads.

In your view who should be responsible for providing the security for transit systems?

- ☐ The local police
- ☐ The transit systems themselves
- ☐ The Federal government
- ☐ Either A or B above, financed through a Federal grant program

How concerned are you about the dangers of "whistleblower" provisions that do not adequately safeguard classified information?

- ☐ Very concerned
- ☐ Concerned
- ☐ Slightly concerned
- ☐ Not at all concerned

In your opinion, should federal background checks be conducted on transportation workers?

- ☐ No, this should be handled at the state or local level
- ☐ Yes, after 9-11 national security requires such action.
- ☐ No, the privacy rights of the individual



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Survey Results

Results of the previous surveys on the Iraq War and Rail Security will be made available on our new website by the end of June. If you would like the survey results e-mailed to you before that time, please fill out a request to that effect at <http://lungren.house.gov/feedback.shtml>.

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employees should be of paramount concern.

☐ Yes, because of the traditional responsibilities of common carriers concerning the safety of their customers.

If you answered yes to question 2 above, what information should the federal government collect?

- ☐ Criminal history
- ☐ Citizenship and immigration status
- ☐ Information relating to national security
- ☐ All of the above

Would you support security screening measures similar to those used in airports at all public transportation centers (train and metro stations)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

If you travel on public or rail transportation, which would most accurately reflect your feelings?

- ☐ You do not worry about a potential security threat.
- ☐ You are somewhat but not overly concerned about a potential security threat.
- ☐ You are very worried about a potential security threat.
- ☐ You do not travel by rail or public transportation.

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